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CITIZENSHIP THROUGH SCOUTING

2nd ANNUAL EXPOSITION PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR ALL UNITS

Rain or shine, the Second Annual Boy Scout Exposition will be held, Saturday night, September 27, at Soldier Field.

Veterans of the first Soldier Field Campaign, last year on October 24, will remember that Chicago Scouts mean it when they say, "Rain or Shine..." Because of the tremendous popularity of the previous Exposition, plans are now being made for a bigger and better event this year.

Nearly 200,000 tickets to the affair will be distributed throughout Chicago. Scout parents, friends, teachers, neighbors, and buddies will be invited to see Chicago's 30,000 Scouts and Volunteer Leaders demonstrate the heart of Scouting activities. Cooperation from local religious and civic groups has been assured, particularly in the distribution of tickets so that everyone will be aware of the huge event.

The Exposition will start at 8:00 o'clock with a Presentation of Colors and a Grand Entry of some 15,000 Scouts and Leaders. The next 90 minutes will be devoted to an exhibition of the entire range of Scouting - from Cubbing through Senior Scouting.

High spot of the first part of the program will be the investiture of more than 6,000 Boy Scouts who joined during 1947. This year each Scout's mother or father will participate in the ceremony which makes another American boy a part of the great Movement.

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TOP COUNCIL LEADERS AID SEPTEMBER PROGRAM PLANS

"Citizenship Through Scouting," Week is sponsored by the Executive Board of the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America. William R. Odell, Jr., President; and Tilden Cummings, Board Chairman, will be general coordinators, and Activities Chairman Hyde Gillette, will supervise the Exposition Program.

Other volunteer leaders who will have an active part are: John Miller, participation; George Donahue, physical arrangements; Giovanni Cardilli, staging; Walter Mattick, Harold Vahey, R.A. Lucas, William Collins, George Hay, L. F. Coleman and Robert Shapiro, event advisors; and Don Williamson, audience control.

Participants control will come under the supervision of the Commissioner Staff: Dallas Rennewitz, South West; Robert Halladay, South Shore; Peter Orlebeke, North Shore; Charles Jones, West Side, John H. Wershok, North West, and Fred L. Parker, of the Douglas District.

WEEK-LONG ACTIVITIES TO DEMONSTRATE SCOUTING HERE

A week long program of activities culminating in the Second Annual Chicago Boy Scout Exposition will demonstrate once again the Scouting Program to all Chicago. Starting on Saturday, September 20, the celebration will end on Saturday, September 27.

Kick-off of the affair will be the Boy Scout Camp Out, held on the 20th, at or near the Unit Headquarters. The following day, Sunday, September 21, will be Religious Observance Day. On that day, all Chicago Scouts, Senior Scouts, and Cub Scouts will demonstrate their adherence to the 12th point of the Scout Law by attending the religious services of their faiths, participating in uniform and as a group.

The days between Sunday, September 21 and Saturday, September 27, will be devoted to Open House Unit Meetings and Community and Institutional Good Turns. On Saturday, September 27, the Second Annual Exposition of Scouting will be held at Soldier Field, in Grant Park.

This year's activities will be devoted to paying tribute to the whole family in Scouting. Scouts will take part along with their parents, brothers and sisters, and other relatives and friends. The theme for the Observance will be "Citizenship Through Scouting" and Chicago's 30,000 men and boys in Scouting will cooperate to give concrete evidence of the importance of Scouting in Chicago.

"Citizenship Through Scouting" is the second annual fall program to be held here. Last year's Boy Scout Trail Week, held in October, proved so tremendously successful that the Council Executive Board is determined to continue in the precedent set last October.

SCOUTING TRAINS BOYS TO BECOME MEN

SECOND ANNUAL BOY SCOUT EXPOSITION

SOLDIER FIELD

Saturday, September 27, 8:00 o'clock

The Boy Scout Exposition is gradually becoming Chicago's outstanding Scouting event every year. The thrill of large numbers, the color of Scouting, the imagination attached to an outdoor adventure program all lump together to create a spectacle which captures the fancy of Chicago's millions. Listed below are this year's big events which will serve to tell Scouting's story and to interest more men and boys in the program.

OPENING EVENT & GRAND ENTRY

Opening the show will be a massed group of American Flags and Scout Unit colors. As the main Flag is run up the staff at the north end of the Field, the audience and Scouts alike will stand at Attention. As soon as the formal ceremony is completed, the movement of massed boys will start, and in just a few minutes, more than 15,000 Scouts, Cubs, and Senior Scouts will stand on the Field to be reviewed by the spectators and reviewing officers. During this time Boy Scout Drum and Bugle Corps will provide a colorful musical background.

CUBS IN ACTION

This year the Cub Scouts will have their own individual event which will give them a full opportunity to show just what they do in Cubbing. They'll provide interest to the stands in their active games, with their colorful tepees, and imaginative costumes. Nearly 2,000 Boys between the ages of nine and twelve will participate in this event.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The investiture of new Scouts is always an heart-warming event, for it signifies another boy's start toward American citizenship. Parents will have a part in this investiture ceremony - for after all - the entire week has been designed to pay tribute to the thousands of parents who have made Scouting possible.

SCOUTS IN ACTION

Scouts in action is a quick panorama of the many things which go into the Scout program. Troops and Senior Units will swarm over the field to demonstrate how Scouts spend their time. Participating: About 150 Units, 2,500 different boys.

SCOUTS IN THE OUT-OF-DOORS

A demonstration of Scout camping at its best. All of the various types of camp shelters, camp fires, cooking methods, and camp activities will be gathered into a stirring ten minutes. Sea Scout Land Ships, Indian ceremonial dances, Cub Scout backyard camping, and Air Scout models, will catch the immediate interest of the audience.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The Scouts at Camp act will blend into the closing ceremony. A final Indian ceremonial dance will be staged. A Scout will be hoisted high above the crowd and centered in a spotlight. Taps will sound, and Scouting's greatest 1947 show will have reached its climax. As all of the lights dim, a chorus of tens of thousands of voices will recite the Boy Scout Oath and Law, to the muted Chicago traffic sounds.

During the entire show, a Scout village will be set up at the North end of Soldier Field. A regular tent and tepee camp will give parents and friends an ample opportunity to see how Scouts camp, what they do at camp, and why they camp.

HOW TO ENTER EXPOSITION AND ORDER TICKETS

Within the next few days all Unit Leaders will receive an application form and an order for Exposition tickets. Between now and then, discuss it at unit meetings, at Committee meetings, and with the head of the Sponsoring Institution. When you get the form, indicate what act you prefer and return it to the Scout Office.

At the same time, indicate how many Exposition tickets your boys can distribute. They're free, and it is important that they be placed in the hands of every Chicagoan. Don't be afraid to take too many.

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UNIT ACTIVITIES — SEPTEMBER 20-27

CAMP OUT

Saturday, September 20 is the day set for the big Chicago Camp Out, when every unit, including Cub Packs, puts on an outdoor demonstration right in its own neighborhood. Demonstrating the uses of various shelters, cooking fires, sanitation systems, and all of the other vital aspects of outdoor Scouting, Chicago Scouts and Senior Scouts add much to the communities' recognition of Scouting.

Cub Scouts, with a program of backyard camping, will show their neighborhood how Cubs have fun. They will give their neighbors an opportunity to observe at first hand the qualities which make up a program which is satisfying to younger boys.

Regardless of how you camp or what form your camp takes, be sure that it is held right in your community. A vacant lot near your sponsoring institution, or the church lawn are best, but whatever you can do - do it in the area which houses most of your Scouts and their families.

Boy Scout and Senior units could easily make it an overnight encampment, breaking camp on Sunday morning in time to attend the religious observance. Invite guests to attend camp fires, and, if possible, cook a meal for parents and friends.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

Sunday, September 21, has been set aside for Scouts and Scouters to demonstrate their following of the twelfth point of the Boy Scout Law. All Scouts and Cubs, and Leaders should attend the worship of their faith in uniform and as a group. If possible, boys and leaders should participate in the service by serving as altar boys, reading a part of the service, or delivering a part of the sermon.

Work in close conjunction with the Unit Committee and the head of the Sponsoring Institution on this project. Resulting interest in Scouting in your institution will be gratifying and helpful.

OPEN HOUSE

Everyone likes to see what youngsters are doing. It makes grown-ups feel good to know that boys are anxious to show off their program and that the boys strive for their approval. An OPEN HOUSE meeting provides just such an opportunity. The Open House should be more than just a parents' night. It should be the one time when the Sponsoring Institution throws its doors open to Scouting, when not only parents, but friends, teachers, and non-Scouts are invited to see what Scouting is and how it works.

The Open House meeting should be planned anytime for the week of September 21, in order that it take full advantage of the volume of Boy Scout publicity which will be released during that period. The meeting should be a joint demonstration and exhibition by all Scout Units under the single parent institution.

Additional program suggestions for the Open House Meeting are on page four of this "Council Leader". Remember, however, that simplicity and dignity are foremost in this type of meeting, and it is important to start and stop right on time.

GOOD TURN

Scouting appears to its own best advantage when Scouts and Scouters help people. During the week of September 21, Good Turns to the Community and the Sponsoring Institution will reflect favorably upon the Scouts who perform them and upon the entire Movement. Scouts are always doing Good Turns, but sometimes it becomes necessary to call this fact to the public's attention. Just such a plan has been designed for the week of September 21 - when so many Scouts will be doing so many good turns, that it will be easy to point with pride to Scouting and say, "This is how Scouting builds citizenship." Do your share.

ADDITIONAL HINTS

1. To participate in all of the special fall activities properly, each unit should have the cooperation and approval of the Unit Committee and the Sponsoring Institution. Start working now, two months isn't really a long time.
2. This is really a Scouting celebration, Junior Leaders should have a part in the planning of the program and its supervision. The entire series of special activities should allow for participation by every Scout and Cub in Chicago.

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The Council Leader Suggests Programs

Here are some suggestions for Open House Meetings, to be held the week of September 21.

1. FAMILY NIGHT - Built around the theme of the "Scout and His Family." It should demonstrate Scouting skills and should create a more active program.
2. OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE SCOUTS - Invite neighborhood boys in to see the fun and adventure that is Scouting. Boys should be recruited from local

schools and institutions.

3. THE TROOP & THE INSTITUTION - A program designed to acquaint the Sponsoring Institution with the entire Scout program.
4. OLD TIMERS' NIGHT - All former members of the Troop are invited to see what has been done and what is planned for future activities.
5. THE TROOP AND THE OUTDOOR PROGRAM - Emphasize the Troop hikes

- and camping trips. Pictures of past and present camps are shown.
6. THE TROOP AND THE COMMUNITY - Community leaders and heads of institutions are invited to see the citizenship training program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Regardless of the form of the Open House Meeting, it provides the most favorable medium for recruiting new community support.

W.J.J.D. TO AIR CAMP KIWANIS INTERVIEWS ON SATURDAY MORNING BOY SCOUT PROGRAM

A new series of programs has been planned for "Salute to Youth," the W.J.J.D. series which has been featuring the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America. Starting with the program on Saturday morning, August 2 at 9:00 o'clock, a group of wire recorded interviews from Camp Kiwanis will be aired.

The interview program will continue for the next several weeks, along with new comments about the important fall activities and the Boy Scout Exposition. The program is heard every second Saturday at 9:00 A.M. Urge Scouts and parents to listen to the voices of Chicago Scouts.

Your comments on the Boy Scout program are needed. Send them to SCOUTS, W.J.J.D., Chicago one, Illinois. We'll get them!

THREE NEW ASSISTANTS ADDED TO COUNCIL STAFF. TOTAL NOW REACHES 35 MEN

Three Assistant District Executives have been added to the Chicago Boy Scout staff, L. D. Cornell, Scout Executive, announced this week. The new men, all veterans, are Sheppard Y. Hornstein, Martin J. Bussert, and Edward Leight.

Leight, a former professional Scouter in the rainbow Area Council, Joliet, will join the South Shore District. He attended the Universities of Illinois and Wisconsin, and served as a Lieutenant, S.G., in the Coast Guard.

Hornstein comes to the South West District from East Lansing, Michigan. He was a First Lieutenant with 44 months military service, and holds a B.S. degree from Pennsylvania Military College.

The West Side District will get Bussert, who is an Eagle Scout and Navy veteran.

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